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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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January 28, 1980

TO: The Secretary  
FROM: L - Roberts B. Owen *RBO*

Authority of the President to  
Use Force in the Persian Gulf

Herewith is a memorandum of law on the above subject, which was prepared at the request of Lloyd Cutler for his background information in connection with possible SCC deliberations early this week. The memorandum addresses in a summary manner relevant international law and constitutional and statutory considerations, including the application of the War Powers Resolution.

Attachment:

Memorandum of Law

cc: The Deputy Secretary  
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